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***Information on Financial Aid and College Access***

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**2017-18 FAFSA Applications Now Available!**

Students seeking financial aid for the 2017-18 academic year can now complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). The 2017-18 FAFSA became available on October 1st, allowing students to complete their applications earlier than ever before. These changes have been put in place to align the financial aid process with the college application process, ultimately allowing students and families to make a more informed financial decision on which college to attend.



In previous years, the FAFSA used the previous year's tax data to determine awards. For the 2017-18 applications, the Federal Government will allow students and parents to file using prior-prior year (PPY) tax data, which can be automatically transferred into the application by utilizing the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#). Students and parents will be using 2015 tax data for the 2017-18 FAFSA applications.

Please be reminded that students and parents must have their own [FSA ID and password](#), which are used to electronically sign the applications and to keep the applications secure. More information regarding the FAFSA and Federal financial aid programs can be viewed on [Federal Student Aid's website](#).

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## RCA Recording Artist Dee-1 Takes the Stage with MI Student Aid

MI Student Aid, recently partnered with Sallie Mae and former middle school teacher turned hip-hop artist and motivational speaker, [Dee-1](#), to promote planning for college. Dee-1 met with high school students in Lansing, Waverly, and Holt, Michigan ending the day with a pop-up concert at Michigan State University as part of Dee-1's [Knowledge for College Tour](#), sponsored by Sallie Mae. He performed his hit song, "[Sallie Mae Back](#)," to educate students on the importance of planning for college. With "Sallie Mae Back," Dee-1 brought a new lyrical twist to the hip hop world: the promotion of financial responsibility. Not only did Dee-1 speak about the importance of a college education, one student in the audience at each stop on the tour received \$5,000 for college from Sallie Mae.



A [video montage](#) (need link from Britt) from the events is available for viewing. Learn more about [Dee-1](#) and what inspired him to enter the hip-hop industry.

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## Catch MI Student Aid at MHSAA Championship Events



MI Student Aid recently announced its partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, an initiative to promote college financial aid and access to students and families in Michigan. Though this partnership, MI Student Aid will have the ability to reach a statewide audience

via the MHSAA's radio, video, social media, and online initiatives.

In addition to radio and video contributions, MI Student Aid will have an on-site presence at MHSAA championship events throughout this school year. If you plan to attend the Fall championship events, be sure to connect with a member from the MI Student Aid team to receive resources and information about financial aid for college.

**MI Student Aid will be at the following events:**

**November 5:** Cross Country Finals at Michigan International Speedway

**November 5:** Boys Soccer Finals at Comstock Park High School and Stoney Creek High School.

**November 17, 18, 19:** Girls Volleyball Finals at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, MI.

**November 18,19:** Girls Swimming Finals at Eastern Michigan University.

**November 25, 26:** Football Finals at Ford Field

\*\*Information on host locations and event times are located on the [MHSAA website](#).

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## Gov. Snyder Proclaims October as Michigan College Month

Gov. Rick Snyder recently certified a [proclamation](#), proclaiming October 2016 as [Michigan College Month](#). Michigan College Month was declared to due to the recent changes regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), being that it will now be available as of Oct. 1st every year. The [Michigan College Access Network](#) (MCAN) were first movers on this change. In response, MCAN has asked Michigan schools to combine College Application Week, an event that normally takes place in the fall, and the College Cash Campaign which normally took place in the spring. The goal of combining these events is to create one huge initiative as Michigan College Month, encouraging students to apply to colleges, complete the FAFSA, and submit for at least one scholarship. View our [October webinar featuring MCAN](#) that highlights this initiative, along with other statewide initiatives they lead.

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## Upcoming Events

**October 27**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

MET/MESP Presentation

Farmington Community Library

32737 West 12 Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

**November 2**

8:45am - 12:30pm  
Post-secondary Opportunity Fair  
Flint Beecher High School  
6255 Neff Rd  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

**November 10**

6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Financial Aid Night Presentation  
Charlotte High School  
378 State Street  
Charlotte, MI 48813

**December 1**

6:00pm - 7:15pm  
Financial Aid Night Presentation  
Wayne Memorial High School  
3001 4th Street  
Wayne, MI 48184



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